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ALLIES REPORT ADDITIONAL GAINS IN NEW OFFENSIVE ON THE WESTERN FRONT

More German Positions Taken by French---Greater Results in Two Days Than in Entire Year---Russians Continue to Hammer on Teutons in the East, and Belgians Register Kick in Their Small Section.

(By the Associated Press.)
Paris, Sept. 27.—The new offensive movement is continuing along the eastern bank of the Yser, and the subsequent gains announced that more German positions have been occupied. In the Champagne gains were also made, and between the Meuse and Moselle and the Moraine great activity of the artillery is reported.

BIG GAIN ANNOUNCED

(By Associated Press.)
London, Sept. 27.—In two days French and British have gained greater results than in the twelve months of fighting since the battle of the Marne. With upwards of 20,000 German prisoners in their hands, and something like 20 guns, not counting machine guns, the allies have their long expected movement under way. This effect is emphasized by the fact that on the eastern front a substantial gain for the Russians is recorded.

Russians Also Succeed.
Petrograd states that the army of General Ivanoff has won a striking victory over the Austrians, where 1,000 prisoners have been taken. The Belgians also have been taking a part in the operations, and they report the capture of a German post on the right bank of the Yser, and their subsequent capture of German trenches.

Germany's New Problem.
It is believed in London that the new movement will again bring the Germans face to face with making a choice between the two fronts, as was the case earlier in the war.

Military writers point out that the Russians are now holding the Germans and Austrians on a front of nearly 1,000 miles, while the Germans have not made any advance in France. This must complicate the plans of the German general staff.

Big Gains for French.
The French, who have the most important gains to their credit, made their chief success against the German lines around Perthes, Beauséjour and Sabines in Champagne, where in December they made a considerable gain of ground, and also north of Arras, where Souchez was stormed and captured.

The French communication last night says the allied forces continue to gain ground in Champagne. With the advances thus recorded, this offensive has given the French possession of more territory than they had retaken from the Germans since the latter dug themselves in after the battle of the Marne.

Big Capture.
According to the French account, the Germans were driven out of their trenches over a front of more than 15 miles, varying in depth from two-thirds of a mile to two and a half miles. The French in this engagement captured 12,000 prisoners. Apparently the advantage is being pressed still further, as the French communication makes only the briefest mention of the operation.

Important Victory.
The importance of this gain lies in the fact that every yard of ground taken in this region weakens the German position around Verdun from which the Germans might be compelled to retire should the French succeed in making any further advances.

The French also have stormed and captured Souchez and trenches east of the "Labyrinth" in the Arras district.

(By Associated Press.)
New York, Sept. 27.—To prevent cave-ins on the roadways throughout the city similar to those last week when portions of the Seventh avenue and Broadway surfaces collapsed, portions of Broadway thoroughfares were closed to traffic today and engineers began a close examination of the timber street surfaces now covering the subway excavations.

A preliminary inquiry convinced the officials that there was danger of further collapses similar to those of last week, involving further loss of life.

ARM IS LACERATED IN MILL MACHINERY

Master Colon Young, aged 14, was badly hurt at the Brookford Cotton Mills today when his left forearm was caught in the machinery of the knitting room, and badly lacerated. The youth was carried to the Richard Baker Hospital and the wound dressed. No bones were broken and, although the member was badly hurt, it was believed the lad would get along all right. His condition was good this afternoon.

trict, which was the scene of much heavy fighting earlier in the year. There the Germans had built what they considered almost impregnable fortifications.

This work was made in co-operation with the British who attacked on either side of LaBasse Canal. The attack to the south of the canal was, Field Marshal Sir John French reports, a complete success. Trenches five miles in width and about 4,000 yards in depth were taken at this point.

The British Fall Back.
This push forward gives the British possession of the road from Lens to LaBasse, which was used by the Germans for moving troops and supplies. At the end of the road which outflank the German troops which hold the town of Lens.

Hill No. 70, one of the positions on the road, is less than a mile directly north of Lens, while Hulluch, which also fell into the hands of the British, is at the end of the road near LaBasse. It is only 12 miles from Hulluch to Lille, the capital of northern France.

North of the canal the British although they fought all day were unable to hold the ground gained and the British were forced to retreat. The attack, however, accomplished one purpose, as according to Field Marshal French German reserves were sent to check this move, thus giving the British south of the canal an opportunity to consolidate their new positions unmolested.

Succeed Here.
A somewhat similar maneuver took place to the north and south of the Menin road, east of Ypres and the results were the same. North of the road the British were unable to hold the ground taken, while to the south they gained about 600 yards of the German trenches and consolidated the ground won. So far as is reported, the British took 1,700 prisoners with eight guns and several machine guns.

Some of the fiercest fighting of the campaign is in progress on the Russian front. The Germans continue their furious attacks in an effort to drive the Russians out of Dvinsk, while in Volynia and Galicia the Russians continue to harass the Austro-Germans who had designs on the Kiev, from which town they are now further away than they were a few weeks ago.

Ivanoff on the Job.
General Ivanoff apparently is determined to hold back the Austro-Germans, and his efforts are meeting with a considerable success. The fortifications which include Dubno, Rovno and Lutsk, is almost entirely in the possession of the Russians.

In Galicia the Austrians have been driven back across the rivers which run parallel to the border.

The Italians like the rest of the Allies report a number of successes in taking fortified mountains from the Austrians.

The feeling of optimism in London is enhanced by the political effect of the last drive appears to have had on the Belgian states. Dispatches from Sofia say that diplomats are endeavoring to convince the allies that mobilization of the army was not prompted by hostile movements.

The latest official news from Petrograd is interpreted here as showing that the Russians are in much better positions. This is especially true in the Vilna region, where von Hindenburg had been threatening the Russians.

Notwithstanding the successes of the allies, England is not blinded to the fact that it will be no easy task to push the Germans from positions honey-combed with trenches.

(By Associated Press.)
Amsterdam, via London, Sept. 27.—Airmen of the allies have attacked Bruges, Belgium. The sudden cessation of the flow of gas on the Belgian frontier leads to the suspicion here that bombs from the air destroyed the gas works.

TAKE PICTURES FOR FRENCH STAFF

(By Associated Press.)
Paris, Sept. 27.—One of the French soldiers killed at the taking of Metzeral in Alsace belonged to a branch of the army service, organized after ten months of war, called the "photographic section," which is now officially photographing the war. Its role is artistic, historical and educational.

Although the staff is military, it also is serving the foreign office and the department of public instruction. General Joffre, Monsieur Millerand, minister of war; Delcasse, minister of foreign affairs, and Sarraul, minister of public instruction, aided by the committee of foreign affairs of the chamber of deputies and the foreign office, collaborated in its organization. The operators are all mobilized men, and, as at Metzeral, are on the fighting line, taking pictures, which, with orders, reports, plans and other documents will hereafter constitute the historical section of the general staff.

For the fine arts section and the educational department it is intended that a complete collection of photographs of destroyed or damaged public monuments of great artistic value, and in general to furnish a sort of illustrated annex to the history of the war for the instruction of future generations.

These official photographers during the seven days' bombardment of Metzeral took three thousand negatives.

A sales department has been organized to put on the market copies of all the photographs that the censor authorizes to be duplicated.

FRENCH AIRMEN CELEBRATE VICTORY

(By Associated Press.)
Paris, Sept. 27.—At one point in the environs of Paris yesterday 120 aeroplanes went into the air in a spontaneous demonstration of joy over the victory of the allies in the west. The arrival of 12 car loads of German prisoners brought the first indication of the successes of the allies.

One airman after another ascended and performed daring evolutions in the air.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS CONTINUE IN PARIS

(By Associated Press.)
Paris, Sept. 27.—Although most of the laborers employed were through at the front, municipal improvement is not being neglected. The Champs Elysees is being repaved, as well as a number of other streets, and public buildings needing repairs are receiving attention. Many of the workers are Belgians free from military service and Frenchmen who are in the military class not yet called, or who have been declared exempt from military duty.

FOOT CAUGHT IN GRATING
Raleigh, Sept. 27.—Little Elizabeth Stroud, nine-year-old daughter of Mrs. Irene Stroud, suffered a remarkable and painful accident yesterday afternoon when her foot slipped through an iron grating street drain in such a way that it was jammed through above the knee and it was impossible to extricate it until an iron worker had been sent for and the grating sawed in two. No one seems able to explain how the knee ever passed through the grating in a way that there could be no possible way found to manage its withdrawal. The bone was not broken nor were there serious abrasions. However, the child was fast in the grating nearly an hour.

DEATH OF A CHILD
The 16-month-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Cam Burns died Saturday and the body was buried yesterday in Oakwood cemetery, Dr. J. L. Murphy conducting the funeral service.

COTTON SELLING UNITED STATES FOR 11-2 IN THIS STATE

Although no cotton was offered on the Hickory market today, local quotations were 11½ cents a pound. The Charlotte market also was 11½, and a good deal of cotton was offered there.

The New York stock market today made the most notable gains of the year. Cotton advanced more than twenty points in a few minutes and there was every indication that futures would reach thirteen cents.

Already business of every kind has caught the buoyant spirit of cotton planters, and activity in all lines is increasing. There is not a pessimist in the south today.

GERMANS CLAIM TO HAVE SUNK WARSHIP

(By Associated Press.)
Berlin, via Tuckertown, N. J., by wireless, Sept. 27.—One British warship was sunk and two others damaged in the attack by a British squadron along the Belgian coast, especially at Zeebrugge, simultaneously with the launching of the allied movement on land, according to a German official statement issued September 26. After these losses the British ships withdrew.

The Germans captured 5,000 prisoners. The foregoing claim of losses inflicted on the British naval forces attacking the Belgian coast was omitted from the German official statement as cable to London yesterday, doubtless being censored.

FINANCIAL COMMISSION MOVES ON TO CHICAGO

(By the Associated Press.)
New York, Sept. 27.—Having reached a virtual agreement with the bankers of the eastern part of the United States, members of the Anglo-French financial commission, accompanied by a member of the firm of J. P. Morgan, planned to leave this afternoon for Chicago. The chairman expected to remain at Chicago until the last of the week.

According to one prominent banker, the adoption of the tentative program by the bankers of the middle west and the west assures its adoption in its present state.

With all parties acquiescing, ratification of the agreement will be sought from the British and French governments. Meantime all the bankers of the country will be asked to aid in financing the loan, a syndicate in their behalf conducting their affairs with the agreement of the commission. The commission will meet in Chicago and bankers will be asked for their views. If these views are not radically different from those of their eastern associates, there might be no delay in floating the loan.

It was believed that eastern and western bankers were in substantial record as to the details now under consideration.

THREE MORE VESSELS FOR AUSTRALIAN NAVY

(By the Associated Press.)
Sydney, Australia, Sept. 27.—The cruiser Brisbane and two torpedo-boat destroyers, which will be launched at the Cockatoo Island Naval Dock Yard here during the next two months, will add considerably to the Australian navy. The Brisbane will be the first cruiser entirely constructed in an Australian yard by Australian workmen.

She is named after the capital of Queensland, and is a sister ship of the Sydney—the victor over the Emden—and the Melbourne. She is 5,000 tons displacement and is armed with 6-inch guns.

The two destroyers are the Torrens and the Swan.

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SUCCESSFUL REVIVAL
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READY TO RESUME

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, Sept. 27.—Acting Secretary Polk has advised Count von Bernstorff, German ambassador, that whenever he is ready to resume discussion on the submarine question he can take the matter up with state officials here or with Secretary Lansing in New York. The count has been assured that this government is ready.

Officials presume that inasmuch as Count von Bernstorff has not asked for an interview, he has not yet been definitely advised from Berlin.

TO INVESTIGATE OUTRAGES IN ARMENIA

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Sept. 27.—Ambassador Morgenthau at Constantinople was today instructed to inquire into the outrages in Armenia to determine whether or not American citizens have been captured or murdered in the recent massacres there. No official confirmation has been received of the reported murder of two Americans by the Turks.

TURKS RETAKE PART OF CAPTURED TRENCHES

(By Associated Press.)
Constantinople, via Berlin to Tuckertown, N. J., by wireless Sept. 27.—Part of the position on the Turkish left wing at Anafarta, which had been occupied by the entente allies on the Gallipoli peninsula, has again fallen into the hands of the Turkish troops, it was announced by the war office today.

ASSOCIATION WILL MEET IN OCTOBER

The South Fork Baptist association embraces, except, perhaps, two or three, all the Baptist churches in Catawba, Lincoln and Gaston counties and two in Burke county, 56 churches in all, with a total membership, reported at last session of 7,129.

Last year, they reported as paid to benevolent objects—missions, education, etc., \$5,605.28; for home expenses, such as pastors' salaries, building, Sunday schools, etc., \$39,469.88; making a total of \$45,075.16, an average only of about \$64.50 per member.

This association will hold its thirty-seventh annual session this year with West Hickory Baptist church, beginning on Wednesday after the fourth Sunday in October, 1915, at 11 o'clock. The churches and members will please take notice and be governed accordingly.

J. F. CLICK, Clerk.

PRIVATE JOHNSON IS PRISONER OF MEXICANS

(By Associated Press.)
Brownsville, Texas, Sept. 27.—Mexicans living near Progresso Crossing declare that Private Richard J. Johnson, of the 12th cavalry, who has been missing since last Friday's fight has been seen a prisoner on the Mexican side. The last seen of him he was alone with several hundred Mexicans in the brush. A detachment has been sent for his relief.

WILSON WILL VOTE IN JERSEY TUESDAY

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Sept. 27.—President Wilson will go to Princeton tomorrow to vote at the primaries for members of the New Jersey legislature. He will return tomorrow night in time to deliver an address before the Grand Army of the Republic.

FINE BIRTHDAY DINNER
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Moose and children returned this afternoon from Catawba Springs, where yesterday they attended a birthday dinner in honor of Mrs. Wilson Starnes, who had reached the fifty-ninth mile post. About two hundred relatives and friends of this good woman and gathered for the occasion and they were treated to an unusual feast. Mrs. Starnes is an aunt of Mrs. Moose.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Moose returned Saturday from a visit to Charlotte.

ONE DEATH AS RESULT OF HEAD-ON COLLISION

Mr. C. R. Blanton, Fatally Injured Saturday Afternoon, Expires At Richard Baker Hospital Last Evening---Failure to Observe Rules of Road Said to be Cause

AUSTRIA YIELDS TO UNCLE SAM AT LAST

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, Sept. 27.—Austria has informally notified Ambassador Penfield that it will recall Doctor Dumba as requested by the American government.

This information was given to Ambassador Penfield when he officially advised the Austrian officials that the United States would not be satisfied with anything less than the recall of Doctor Dumba.

Mr. Penfield thought the wishes of the United States would be complied with and that a formal note on the subject would be handed to him soon. Until a formal note is handed to him, the Washington officials can not act on the ambassador's request for safe conduct.

DISCUSS NEW TREATY WITH PANAMA REPUBLIC

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Sept. 27.—The draft of the new treaty proposed by Panama to the United States, made public in Panama yesterday, is said by state officials today to be merely for the purpose of discussion. It was said at the state department that a new treaty would be entered into to meet the changed conditions since the acquisition of the canal zone.

GREECE TAKES OVER CONTROL OF VESSELS

(By Associated Press.)
Piraeus, Greece, Sunday, Sept. 26, via Paris, Sept. 27.—The Greek government today requisitioned twenty merchant vessels for the use of troops.

CONDITIONS REPORTED WORSE IN CHIHUAHUA

(By Associated Press.)
Laredo, Texas, Sept. 27.—Conditions are growing worse in the state of Chihuahua, according to passengers today from Chihuahua City. The city is filled with convalescent Mexican soldiers, food prices are high, and the city is facing a famine. Many persons have died from starvation, passengers stated. Much food has been seized by mobs.

PREVENT FLOOD CHEAP GOODS ENTERING

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Sept. 27.—At President Wilson's direction the department of commerce and the federal trade commission have begun an investigation to find means to prevent a flood of cheap products on the American market at the end of the war. The president is convinced that an economic adjustment will take place in Europe at the end of the war and wants the United States to be ready to meet whatever conditions develop.

THIS BRITISH COLONY SENDS A SMALL FORCE

(By Associated Press.)
Suva, Fiji Islands, Sept. 27.—Out of a population of a little over 4,000 Europeans, the British colony of Fiji has officially sent 116 men to the front, and another 130 have gone in preparation. The total is thus 246 or about 1-16 of the entire white population.

CLARENCE DECKER DEAD
Marion, Sept. 27.—Mr. Clarence Decker died suddenly yesterday morning. He was a prominent business man, being a member of the firm of Payne & Decker Bros. He was also prominent in church affairs, holding the position of secretary of the American board of stewards of the Methodist church. A wife and daughter survive him. He has a number of relatives here and in Pennsylvania his native state. The interment will take place Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock.

Mr. C. R. Blanton, injured Saturday afternoon in the collision between a motorcycle and an automobile driven by Mr. C. M. McCorkle of Newton, died last night at the Richard Baker Hospital and the body was taken today to King's Mountain, his former home, for burial. Mr. H. Q. Blanton, who was guiding the motorcycle, was operated on yesterday and today he was reported as getting along nicely. Mr. McCorkle, though badly frightened and somewhat shaken up by the impact, was not injured.

The accident occurred Saturday afternoon about 4:45 just beyond Mr. Henry Killian's place, four miles below Hickory, and was the result, so Mr. H. Q. Blanton stated afterwards, of confusion on the part of both drivers in making the proper turn to pass each other. The impact came at a rise in the curve of the road and both the Blanton men, who were on the motorcycle, were hurled to the ground with terrific violence. Mr. H. Q. Blanton was thrown under the front wheel of the automobile, and remained in that position until Mr. J. T. Setzer, clerk of the court, came by in his automobile and helped to remove the wheel from the body.

Mr. McCorkle was going in the direction of Newton and the Blantons were coming in the direction of Hickory. Mr. Setzer said he did not learn how fast the two vehicles were moving, but judging from the damage they must have been going at a rapid rate. The motorcycle broke the front spring of the automobile and smashed off the lights of the larger machine. The cycle, of course, was wrecked.

Mr. McCorkle, it appears, had the left side of the road and as the motorcycle and automobile approached, Mr. H. Q. Blanton thought he could pass the car. He turned to the left. At the same time the driver of the automobile turned to the right and the two machines met head-on. In the collision Mr. C. R. Blanton sustained a concussion of the brain and Mr. H. Q. Blanton a fracture of his right leg in two places.

Died Last Evening.
Dr. T. C. Blackburn was summoned by telephone and he reached the scene promptly, the injured men being brought to the hospital here in Mr. Setzer's machine. From the outset there was no hope of saving Mr. C. R. Blanton and his death occurred last evening at 6:45. An operation was performed on the other Blanton yesterday morning, and his condition was reported today as being satisfactory.

Moving to Hickory.
Mr. C. R. Blanton was 39 years of age and he was moving his family from Charlotte to the Ivie cotton mills, where he was to take a position as weaver. His wife and two children already were at the mill and she was summoned to his bedside at the Richard Baker Hospital. Mr. Blanton was a native of King's Mountain, and his body was taken there early today for interment.

Mr. H. Q. Blanton is employed as a salesman by the Piedmont Telephone Company of Newton, 34 years old and married.

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